



Saluting Our Troops

Past & Present



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**Hands Touching Hearts
is a global outreach
effort...**





that gives
Americans
of all ages the
opportunity
to decorate





handcrafted
thank-you gifts
for members of
the United States
military.





ARMY



NAVY



AIR FORCE



MARINES



COAST GUARD



SPACE FORCE



**The keepsakes
honor:**

**Active-Duty
Service Members**

Reservists

Veterans





Since the
program's
inception
in 2017,





**decorators have
numbered in
the thousands
and ranged
in age from
2 to 102!**





**Hands Touching Hearts
was originated by
Ann M. Cosgrove,
a graphic artist in
Connecticut.**





**Her parents, also
lifelong Connecticut
residents, are the
inspiration for
the program.**







**Ann's father,
William J. Cosgrove,
served in the
Army Air Forces
during World War II.**





**He flew 34
combat missions
over Europe as a
radio operator/gunner
on a B-17.**





The hand on the left of the logo is a tracing of his hand.







**Ann's mother,
Anna (Ozemko)
Cosgrove,
worked on the
home front during
World War II.**





**The positions
she held in the
aircraft industry
were traditionally
reserved for men.**





The hand on the right of the logo is a tracing of her hand.





**Ann's parents
met and married
after the war.**





**They settled and
raised four children
in Rockville,
Connecticut,
her father's
hometown.**





**Ann's mother and
father passed away
in 2013 and 2017,
respectively.**





**Throughout their lives,
they reached out
to family, friends,
neighbors, strangers.**





**From their acts of
kindness, Ann learned
that a compassionate**





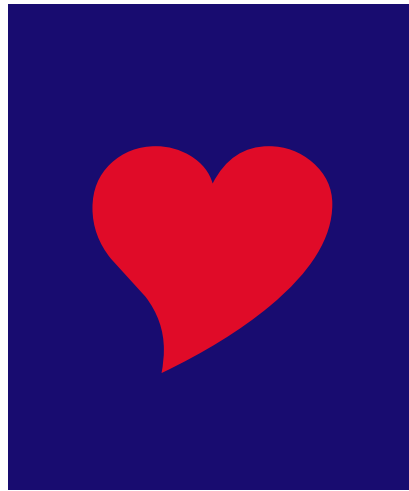
heart manifests
itself through the
work of loving hands.





Tracings of the hands
of Ann's parents
appear not only on
the Hands Touching
Hearts logo,





but also on
every one of the
thank-you gifts
created for the
program.





**Ann designs
and handcrafts
the keepsakes
with her hands**





**and then invites
members of the
community to
decorate some
aspect of each gift
with their hands.**



**She presents
Hands Touching Hearts
in a variety of
very busy places:**

***Stores & Malls**

***Sports Venues**

***Restaurants**



***Schools**

***Libraries**

***Senior Centers**

***And More!**

**A decorator donation
helps to offset material
and administrative costs.**





**In all locations, the
decorators are
strangers. They get
involved not because of
familiarity with Ann,**





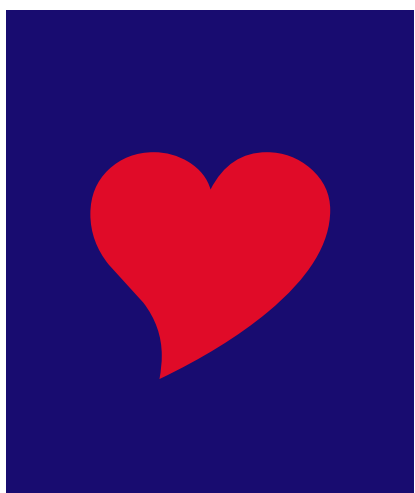
**but because of
admiration for all the
men and women who
pledge to protect and
defend our country.**





**Program participants
either decorate a gift
for someone they know**





or have Ann surprise a
service member that
they don't know.



**Everyone
associated with
Hands Touching Hearts
is grateful for the
sacrifices made by
the members of the
U.S. armed forces,
past and present.**



**Program participants
would love to use
their hands to give
each service member
a firm handshake,
a round of applause,
a pat on the back
and a great, big hug!**





**Because it isn't
possible to meet
every single service
member personally,**





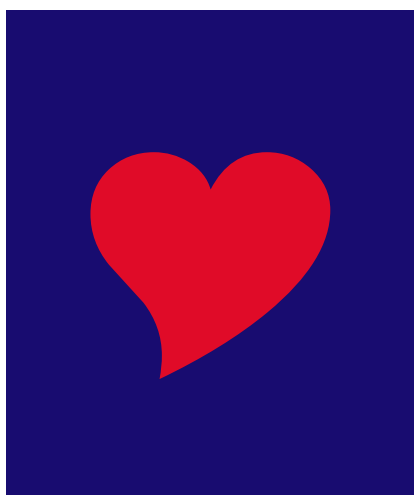
**participants make
many different
thank-you gifts and
one identical wish.**





**Whenever the
service members need
to be reminded of
the support of their
fellow Americans,**





may they look to
this program and
let the work of
our loving hands
touch their hearts.





To learn more about
Hands Touching Hearts
and all the gifts created
through the program, visit:

www.Anns.work
and click on "Salute Our Troops."





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